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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Annual Meeting.—The Annual Meeting will take place at Shoreditch Central Library, Pitfield Street, N.1, on Wednesday, June 20th, at 7.30 p.m., through the kindness of Mr. W. C. Plant, Borough Librarian. The Presidential Address will be given by Mr. W. H. Parker, and it is hoped that Mr. Plant will preside.

In connection with this meeting, arrangements have been made, through the kind offices of Mr. Bullen, for a visit to T.S.S. "Largs Bay" of the Commonwealth Government line of steamers, at King George V. Dock, North Woolwich. Tea will be served on board by courtesy of the management. Members meet at North Woolwich Station at 3.30 p.m. Frequent trains run between North Woolwich and Liverpool Street, Shoreditch Library being within easy distance of Liverpool Street. North Woolwich may be reached by tunnel or ferry from Woolwich, the only convenient train from Liverpool Street being the 2.23 p.m.

It is hoped that members will endeavour to attend both the afternoon and evening meetings.

Post cards from the various Libraries addressed to Mr. E. Luke, F.L.A., Plumstead Library, S.E.18, stating number of members who intend to be present, should reach him on or before June 16th to ensure adequate arrangements being made.

BUSINESS AGENDA.

1. Minutes of last Annual Meeting.
2. Adoption of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
3. Election of New Officers and Council for the year 1923-4.
The newly-elected President takes the Chair, and
4. Delivers his Presidential Address.

5. To declare result of Association's vote on Mr. R. F. Bullen's Motion "That the Resolution, passed at the last Annual Meeting, to change the title of the Association's Journal to *The Assistant Librarian*, be rescinded, and that the present title *The Library Assistant*, be retained.
6. Vote of thanks to retiring Officers and Council.
7. Other necessary business.

Next Council Meeting.—The next meeting of the Council will be held at the National Library for the Blind on Wednesday, 4th July, at 7.30 p.m.

Association of Assistant Librarians, Twenty-Eighth Annual Report, 1922-23.

Membership.—The total number of members is 664, made up as follows: 21 Fellows, 21 Honorary Fellows, 497 Members, 125 Associates. Once again this total discloses an increase over the previous year, but once again it is felt with regret that the rate of increase and the total membership cannot be regarded as anything like satisfactory. The past year, too, has witnessed an energetic and keen effort on the part of the Council to "broadcast" the advantages and value of the Association to all Assistants. Specially prepared propaganda literature, consisting of a leaflet and a pamphlet (the one making a direct personal appeal to the Assistant, the other fully and convincingly stating the aims, objects, benefits and activities of the Association), were distributed throughout the libraries of the country, and in the Metropolis (to name one centre only) every Chief Librarian received a personal appeal to bring to the notice of each member of his staff, a copy of the aforementioned leaflet and pamphlet. Perhaps the coming year will provide the desired fruit from the seed so generously and carefully scattered during the past year and the desideratum, 1,000 mark of membership, attained.

Finance.—It is a matter for congratulation that the Association's Finances continue in a satisfactory condition. The Receipts for the year amount to £409 7s. 3d. as compared with £356 3s. 0½d. for 1921-22; the Expenditure being £311 9s. as against £239 2s. 2½d. for the previous year. This leaves a balance of £97 18s. 3d.

The Benevolent Fund now amounts to £98 12s. 9d. This fund has again received a contribution of £10 10s. from the Cutlers' Company, on the nomination of Mr. C. Welch, F.S.A. It has also benefitted, to the extent of £40, from the profits derived from the

publication of "English and American Sequels." Evidence has been forthcoming, recently, of the value of this volume, a cheque for £1 1s. 0d. having been received towards the fund, from F. W. Reed, Esq., of Whangerie, New Zealand, as a mark of his appreciation of the book.

The Council desires to express its appreciation and thanks to all who have assisted, either by service or cash, to maintain the financial stability of the Association.

To Mr. R. Cooper a special word of thanks is due for the able, efficient and conscientious manner in which, during this, his first year of office as Honorary Treasurer, he has husbanded the financial resources of the Association.

Reconstruction.—At the annual meeting last June several resolutions were carried which had for their object a closer linking up of the branches of the Association and a more definite feeling of unity. The old designation of "Branch" was abolished in favour of the more dignified term Division, whereby it was felt that no dependence of one part of the Association upon the other, could any longer be expressed or implied. Further, it was arranged that each Division should be assured of direct representation upon the General Council and that at least once a year an opportunity would be afforded of a full meeting of that Council in order that the general will of the whole Association could be fully expressed and sympathetically considered. The position of Editor, hitherto an officer of, and subject to election by the Council, was elevated into an officership of the Association and submitted accordingly to an annual vote of the members. Finally the name of the Association itself was changed to that of the Association of Assistant Librarians.

Honorary Fellowship.—The highest honour the Association can award was bestowed on one of its members. At the Annual Meeting the President (Mr. E. C. Wickens) in the name of the Association presented to Mr. J. F. Hogg, upon his retirement from the office of Honorary Treasurership, a framed copy of the certificate of Honorary Fellowship as a mark of appreciation and esteem for the long and faithful service he had lovingly and patiently devoted to the Association over a long period of years, which included 20 years' membership of the Council, Presidency of the Association, and Honorary Treasurership for five years.

Sequels.—The work entitled "English and American Sequels," prepared by Mr. T. Aldred, Borough Librarian of Hackney, and generously presented by him to the Association, was finally printed and prepared for circulation last July. The success of the Council's enterprise in this venture has been eminently gratifying and satisfactory to all concerned. Since its publication 625 copies have been sold, all expenses paid, and a sum of £40

placed to the credit of the Association's Benevolent Fund. The best and warmest thanks are due to Mr. G. F. Vale for the unflagging efforts he has always made (and is still making) to push the sales, and for the capable way he has discharged the duties of Treasurer and Business Manager.

Association of Assistant Librarians and Library Association.

—The Council, fully conscious that the L.A. stands for the recognized official expression of Librarianship, has always endeavoured to give that Association the full measure of its support and assistance whenever the ideals of the profession can be advanced. Last year's election to the Council proved again very gratifying as far as the nominees of the A.A.L. were concerned. Of the ten names submitted for the support of our members, eight were successful. Moreover, the especially large vote secured by our two official candidates who occupied second and fourth places on the final returns, was extremely satisfactory. Mr. W. Benson Thorne is again a member of the Education Committee and Mr. G. P. Jones of the Membership Committee—the two Committees where the interests of the Association in general and our members in particular can be carefully watched and furthered.

The L.A. Education Committee, reciprocating the spirit of our Council, continued the excellent practice adopted last year and invited the Council to nominate one of its members to serve as a member of that Committee. The Council unanimously re-elected Mr. J. D. Stewart as its representative; thus expressing its appreciation of the excellent service rendered by him in the past and securing a continuation of that service in the present. As a result of a resolution of the Midland Division, the Council forwarded to the Library Association last October an urgent request that every effort be made to secure the continuance of the Summer School. This was carefully and favourably considered by the Library Association, but unfortunately it was found impossible to continue the School at Aberystwyth, and efforts to start another School at Manchester proved abortive. However, every effort will be made to re-continue the School next year. Meanwhile we would once again urge our members, especially the provincial brethren, to whom this School is of incalculable value, to give every assurance that the L.A. can proceed to the re-establishment of the School in the sure certainty that sufficient support will be forthcoming. On February 28th a meeting of all those engaged or interested in libraries in London and Home Counties was held at the Central Library for Students, to consider the advisability of preparing and presenting to the Royal Commission on London Government, a report on the library service of London and Greater London. This meeting, really a joint meeting of the L.A. and A.A.L., was the direct result of notice of motion brought forward at a Council

meeting of the L.A. in the names of Messrs. Thorne and G. P. Jones as a result of a resolution passed at a meeting of the A.A.L. Council.

The extremely delicate and difficult question of professional registration has been under consideration by the Council and the matter brought to the notice of the L.A. ; this body at its February meeting appointed a Sub-Committee, to which Messrs. Thorne and G. P. Jones were elected, to consider and report upon the matter.

The Association's Library.—The use of the library has been considerably extended during the past twelve months, and the increasing demands made upon its resources have compelled the Council seriously to consider the necessity of providing duplicate copies of the standard text books and of the rebinding of many of the overworked volumes. It is hoped in the near future that both these needs will be fully met and the collection of books sufficiently augmented and strengthened to meet the requirements of its many users. In March the Council voted a sum of £10 to provide the long overdue and urgently required additional shelving. In October it was found necessary to draw up a list of simple rules for the guidance of those who use the library. Mrs. Hazard kindly consented to continue the duties of Hon. Librarian, a position which with the growing popularity of the Library, she has fulfilled to the entire pleasure and satisfaction of all. This we know is the reward she desires, but we should like to add that the best thanks of the Council are due to her for many services, quietly, patiently and valuably rendered.

Promotions.—It is with the greatest pleasure that the rewards of labour and merit are recorded. Many such pleasures have come to our members during the past year. Among the promotions which give especial gratification are those of Mr. J. F. Hogg to the Borough Librarianship of Battersea ; Mr. Luxmoore Newcombe to the Librarianship of University College, London ; Mr. J. F. Preece to the Borough Librarianship of St. Pancras ; and Mr. J. D. Stewart to the Borough Librarianship of Bermondsey. All these gentlemen have been actively associated at one time or other with the work of the Council.

Monthly Meetings.—This past year the Council reverted to the practice of securing the contribution of papers and addresses almost entirely from amongst our own members. On the whole the plan has proved very successful. The meetings have been enthusiastic and well attended, the papers delivered of a uniformly good quality, and what is most desirable and encouraging, the discussions have been long, animated, and profitable. The Inaugural Meeting of the Session was held at the London School of Economics, when an excellent attendance of over 100 members and friends assembled to hear an address delivered by J. Middleton

Murry, Esq., B.A., O.B.E., the well-known writer and literary critic. Sir William Beveridge, K.C.B., Director of the School, honoured the meeting with his chairmanship. Meetings were also held at the Camberwell, Deptford, Islington, Bethnal Green, Greenwich and Southwark Public Libraries, and the Central Library for Students. The meeting at Bethnal Green proved one of the most interesting and noteworthy in the annals of the Association. Over 130 members and friends were present. The visit included, amongst other attractions, the exhibition of the Grafton Publicity Film and an educational film illustrating the life of Dr. Johnson, never previously released. The April meeting, too, included the unique opportunity of a visit to the world-famous Royal Observatory at Greenwich under the guidance of Sir F. W. Dyson, M.A., F.R.S., the Astronomer Royal. The Junior Meetings held prior to the ordinary monthly meetings have been continued with greater success than ever. There is no doubt that at these meetings many of the younger members, freed from the embarrassing presence of the elder members, learn to give full and ready articulation to their thoughts and expression to their ideas. The confidence here engendered has communicated itself to the ordinary meetings, where its evidence has been frequently noticed and applauded.

To all who have contributed to the success of the Session, whether by contributing papers, by the provision of refreshments, by occupying the chair or by granting us permission to meet at the library, the Council offers its deepest thanks of appreciation and gratitude.

Mr. E. Luke once again carried out the duties of Hon. Secretary to the Education Committee to the entire satisfaction and approval of the members and with added credit and respect to himself.

To Miss Prince a special word of sincerest thanks and gratitude is due for her extreme kindness and continued practical interest in the Association. The Council now holds its meetings regularly at the National Library for the Blind, which has become almost our permanent headquarters; this privilege is highly prized by all members of the Council.

Officers and Council.—The past year has witnessed another period of busy activity and progress. In May the first full Council Meeting under the new scheme was held.

On outside bodies Mr. J. D. Stewart represented the Council on the L.A. Education Committee, Miss Rees still continued her active and zealous services on behalf of the female assistant, as a member of the Council of the London Society for Women's Service, and Mr. J. D. Stewart and the Hon. Secretary were the Council's two delegates on the N.A.L.G.O. Joint Consultative Committee.

If the feared severance of the L.A. from this body takes place, then this Association alone will remain to look after the more material and economic interests of Assistants. Our President retires from office after two years of loyal, energetic and untiring service. The Association has never been honoured with a President who has devoted himself more unsparingly, determinedly and consistently to the welfare of the profession and the interests of the Assistant. He is first and foremost inspired with the loftiest ideal of his profession and glories in the toil of preaching that ideal with a conviction and a zeal worthy of the truest missionary spirit. Geographical limitations precluded his regular attendance at the monthly Council meetings, but in spite of great difficulties he made special journeys to London to attend some of the meetings and always sent a long and cheering report each month to open the proceedings and to stimulate the Council.

With the close of this year Mr. H. A. Sharp completes his eighth year of Honorary Editorship, and the Council feel that sincere thanks are due to him for the service he has given to the Association. At no time in the history of the Association has the *Library Assistant* reached a higher standard of excellence and a wider sphere of usefulness. Testimony to this gratifying fact has been forthcoming not only from our own members, but also from the professional organs and associations in the Colonies and in the United States.

Mr. J. F. Hogg resigned his position as a London Member of the Council, upon his elevation to the Borough Librarianship of Battersea. This vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. W. T. Creed, of Fulham. At the April meeting of the Council Messrs. J. D. Stewart and W. T. Creed tendered their resignations; the former owing to his appointment as Borough Librarian of Bermondsey, the latter as a result of his appointment to a position in the Coventry libraries.

Mr. T. W. Muskett and Miss Exley were co-opted to the Education Committee to assist in the arranging of the Junior meetings. Both have proved of valued assistance to the Committee and contributed in no small degree to the success of the Junior meetings.

"The Library Assistant."—The Journal of the Association has continued to maintain its place as a means of disseminating news among its 664 members and 113 subscribers, and in view of the appearance in future of "The Library Association Record" as a quarterly, the Council has recently seen its way to enlarge the size of "The Library Assistant" by four pages, which takes it back to its largest size in pre-war days, excepting, of course, on special occasions. It is the endeavour of the Council to provide a Journal which shall be not only a means of announcing and recording meetings, but a real live "news" distributor to the profession,

especially to those who work away from the great centres of library activity. Thanks are due to many who have helped the Editor in any way, whether by forwarding items of news, or by undertaking the distribution of the journals in particular areas. It is only right that special reference should be made to the help so freely given by the two Honorary Assistant Editors, the Misses E. G. Hayler and E. B. Homewood, and by Miss Johnson, who has taken charge of the back files which are stored at the Fulham Central Library, by permission of Mr. J. E. Walker.

Roll of Honour.—The Roll of Honour undertaken in collaboration with the Library Association has been completed so far as returns received from libraries and other possible sources have made completion possible. The Roll of the Fallen was published as a supplement to the January number of the *Library Association Record*, and it now remains to prepare some permanent and more monumental record which shall be kept for all time in some appropriate public place.

The Divisions.—The reports printed month by month in the Journal of the meetings held by the Divisions reveal a highly satisfactory state of valuable activity. Successful endeavour is everywhere apparent, and probably at no time in the history of the Association has so much interesting work in this direction been recorded. In the North-West splendid gatherings have been held and first-rate papers discussed; the Yorkshire Division has not been in such a flourishing condition since 1914, and all its former enthusiasm and enterprise have been fully revived. By a determined effort the North-Eastern Division has surmounted the many obstacles which always confront it, and has achieved most gratifying success, while in the Midland the Executive has been rewarded by a warm and encouraging response to its arrangements. For the South Coast Division the geographical difficulties have not grown less, but in spite of the limitations caused thereby, the spirit shown by the faithful has resulted in work well done, and although the meetings may not have been characterised by large attendances, the idea of association has been maintained, enabling the members to keep alive the thought that they are part of the whole, an active portion of the larger movement striving for the furtherance of the Public Library ideal. The creation of new Divisions is still work for the future: hitherto the outlook in this direction has not been promising, but with the development of the Rural Systems it is not too much to hope that the time is coming when every library may be linked up closely with our organisation.

The Future of the Association.—It is but a truism to say that our Future depends upon ourselves. It is possible to extend the Association's membership and influence indefinitely, if we touch the real needs of Assistants. The keyword must be Helpfulness! At the present moment the real need is Education! The Association

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can lead in this matter. It can awaken assistants to its need ; and can cater for their educational requirements. This Association is capable of rendering greater service to Assistants in the matter of educational facilities than the Library Association is capable of rendering : Assistants will approach Assistants for help more readily than they will approach Chief Librarians. Assistants will respond to practical methods : once they appreciate the fact that the Association exists for their ultimate good and for the betterment of the Profession as a whole—they will join. Meetings should be characterized by vitality and goodwill : the social element should be strengthened, papers and discussions should be topical and virile. The patriotism of the profession needs arousing : the fact that it is a great profession needs emphasizing—all assistants should be made publicity agents because of their implicit belief in their profession. The Association can foster this ! Once it captures the imagination of assistants—and caters for their needs, its success will be imminent and complete.

Signed on behalf of the Council,
EDWIN C. WICKENS,
President.

GURNER P. JONES,
Honorary Secretary.

16th May, 1923.

ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS. Statement of Receipts and Expenditure, 1922-23.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, 1921-22 ...	98 0 10	Printing " The Library Assistant "	162 12 0
Members' Subscriptions ...	86 14 0	Postage of Ditto ...	27 0 0
Divisional Subscriptions ...	62 2 0	Postage, General ...	11 5 9
Sale of " Library Assistant "	47 17 8	Stationery and Gen. Printing	11 5 0
Advertisements in " Library Assistant "	37 17 2	Subscriptions...	5 5 0
Sale of L.A.A. Series ...	2 19 10	Delegates' Expenses ...	13 3 6
Farrow's Bank Dividend, 1s. in £	2 5 9	Expenses of Meetings ...	1 11 6
Whist Drive Receipts ...	6 15 0	Whist Drive Expenses ...	11 5 1
Donations to Benevolent Fund ...	51 15 0	Miscellaneous ...	1 5 8
" Sequels " Loan refunded ...	15 0 0	Loan to " Sequels " Fund (See contra)	...
	313 6 5		15 0 0
		Transferred to Benevolent Fund A/c	...
		Balance, 1922-23
			54 1 0
			95 12 9
			£409 7 3

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ASSOCIATION OF ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS BENEVOLENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURE.	
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance, 1921-22 ...	44 1 1	Nil.	Nil.
To Deposit ...	54 1 0	Balance, 1922-23
" Interest ...	0 10 8		...
	54 11 8		...
			98 12 9
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	Summoned to	Attended	16 Meetings.
BRIDGE, Mr. W. R. ...	20	"	18 "
BULLEN, Mr. R. F. ...	" 20	"	18 "
COOPER, Mr. R. ...	" 20	"	18 "
CREED, Mr. W. T. ...	" 8	"	8 "
CUMMINS, Mr. A. E. ...	" 20	"	14 "
HOGG, Mr. J. F. ...	" 4	"	4 "
JONES, Mr. G. P. ...	" 20	"	20 "
LUKE, Mr. E. ...	" 20	"	18 "
PARKER, Mr. W. H....	" 20	"	20 "
REES, Miss G. ...	" 20	"	18 "
SANDRY, Mr. F. E. ...	" 20	"	18 "
SHARP, Mr. H. A. ...	" 20	"	16 "
STEWART, Mr. J. D....	" 16	"	13 "
THORNE, Mr. W. B....	" 20	"	20 "
VALE, Mr. G. F. ...	" 20	"	17 "
WOODS, Mr. V. ...	" 20	"	18 "
<i>Co-opted to Education Committee.</i>			
EXLEY, Miss E. M. ...	" 7	"	6 "
MUSKETT, Mr. W. T. ...	" 7	"	5 "

The attendances of members living beyond a 12 miles radius of London are not recorded.

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W. J. Bennett, Tottenham.
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 S. J. Clarke, Penge.
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 F. W. Lange.
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 Eugene Morel, Bibliothèque National, Paris.
 Henry Ogle, Ipswich.
 Paul Otlet, Institut Internationale de Bibliographie, Brussels.
 R. A. Peddie.
 H. R. Purnell, Public Library of South Australia, Adelaide.
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 Geo. E. Roebuck, Walthamstow.
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 Hugh Smith, Bishopsgate Institute.
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 Charles Welch, F.S.A., 158, Bethune Road, N.

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- Alexander, Miss E. M., Norwich.
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 Bennett, P. W., Croydon.
 Biffen, N. W., Stepney.
 Bishop, W. J., London Library.
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 Blackmore, C., Stoke Newington.
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 Blakey, A. A., Bermondsey.
 Bogdin, F., Stepney.
 Bolton, G. R., Watford.
 Bonner, F. H., Croydon.
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 Cooper, R., Battersea.
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 Cross, H., Croydon.
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 Davison, C. E., Bermondsey.
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 Day, Miss M. E., Islington.
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 Garner, E. W., Southwark.
 Garnett, A. H., Camberwell.
 Gaskin, G. F., Walthamstow.
 Gayford, Miss B. M., Norwich.
 Gilbert, Miss M., Chiswick.
 Gladwell, F. T., Battersea.
 Gourlay, R. J., Belfast.
 Grant, Miss I. B., Southend.
 Gray, B., Bethnal Green.
 Gray, G., Stepney.
 Gusterson, W. E., Willesden.
 Haines, Miss H. B., Wood Green.
 Harris, C. A., Deptford.
 Harris, Miss M., Bethnal Green.
 Harrod, L. M., Wimbledon.
 Hawes, Miss D., Tottenham.
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 Hayes, R., Ealing.
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 Hayward, G. V. R., Norwich.
 Hazard, Mrs., Islington.
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 Higgs, R. W., Southend.
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THE DIVISIONS.

MIDLAND DIVISION.

A meeting of the Division was held in Birmingham on 15th March, when twenty-eight members were present. Members assembled at the entrance to the Central Libraries at 2.30 p.m., and proceeded to the works of Messrs. Moody Bros., lithographers, printers, publishers, etc., Livery Street. They were met by Mr. English, Junr., and conducted over the building, where the different processes in printing, lithography, and bookbinding were viewed and explained. The lithographic poster work and the bookbinding section were particularly interesting.

At the close of a most entertaining and instructive visit each member was presented with a useful little souvenir. Tea was provided at the Municipal Officers' Canteen, Council House.

The evening meeting was held at the Birmingham Reference Library, and Mr. Patrick was unanimously voted into the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed, and the Secretary stated that the proposed Summer School at Manchester would not be held, but that facilities for library students would be offered at the University College of London School of Librarianship. Correspondence was read relating to the registration of librarians and library assistants, and it was resolved that no action be taken until further information relating to the scheme was received.

The heartiest congratulations of the Division were extended to Mr. T. H. Aston on his recent appointment as Librarian of the Bilston Public Library.

A paper was read by Miss D. E. Procter on "William Sharp: His Life and Works." Miss Procter's paper was exhaustive and most interesting, and was illustrated by selections from William Sharp's poems.

Mr. A. R. Williams followed with a paper on "The Art of Alice Meynell," which was extremely well presented, and which included readings from the poems. The papers succeeded in arousing a discussion as to the respective merits of William Sharp and Alice Meynell.

Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. Moody Bros. for their admirable arrangements in connection with the visit to their works, to Miss Procter and Mr. Williams for their contributions to a highly successful meeting, and to Mr. Walter Powell, Chief Librarian, Birmingham, for the use of a room.

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

On Wednesday evening, 9th May, a party of 42 members and friends visited the Playhouse, Liverpool, and very much enjoyed Oscar Wilde's comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest."

The next Theatre evening will be on Wednesday evening, the 13th June, when a party is to be arranged for the Playhouse, and probably Sydney Grundy's "A Pair of Spectacles," will be given.

O. N. ROTHWELL, *Hon. Secretary.*

SOUTH COAST DIVISION.

Twenty-three members and friends met on April 18th at the Hove Public Library for the second quarterly meeting this year.

Under the able Chairmanship of Mr. Herbert S. Toms, Curator, Brighton Museum, Miss Marion Frost, F.L.A., Chief Librarian and Curator, Worthing, delivered a most delightful lantern lecture on "Pins." Although leaning largely to the archeological side, a vast amount of folk-lore was also introduced, a thoroughly interesting evening being achieved.

The discussion which followed provided much further interesting matter, as several of the speakers were able to bring to the knowledge of the lecturer further useful information relative to the lecture. Mrs. Toms, who spoke of customs in Brittany, Miss Gerard, and Messrs. Toms, Webb and Male were among those taking part.

The evening closed with votes of thanks to Miss Frost, the Hove Library Committee, Mr. Toms, Miss Purdue, and Mr. Mew, the two latter being on the Hove Library Staff and kindly providing refreshments at the end of the lecture.

ERNEST MALE, *Honorary Secretary.*

NEW MEMBERS.

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Forms of application for membership may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Mr. G. P. Jones, B.A., Public Library, Bancroft Road, Mile End, E.1.

APPOINTMENTS.

As we go to press we learn that the selection for the Chief Librarianship of Marylebone was: Messrs. Barlow (Coventry), Chubb, (Birmingham), Gray (Warwick Rural), Groom (Isleworth), Lamb (Sheffield), McColvin (Wigan), Miller (Newcastle) and Powell (Battersea Polytechnic). The final choice lies between Messrs. Gray and Lamb.